

NEXT 08: "Eternity"
Revelation 20-22

July 16, 2023

Main Idea: Revelation reveals that those who have rejected Jesus Christ will be judged by Him and those who have embraced Him will be rewarded by Him.

Hell NO!

There are two biblical doctrines that drive people crazy! Even in the church there is disagreement on these two subjects. The world hates the exclusive claims of Jesus Christ and equally despises the idea of eternal hell. These two doctrines are socially unacceptable, politically incorrect, and downright disturbing to most.

But it is not within our power to create a God of our choosing. We must deal with the God who already exists. Self-sovereignty drives the dissent. Think about it... When I claim that I don't believe something clearly communicated about God in the Bible, I am saying that I am sovereign over the God of the Bible. I define Him; He does not define me.

Revelation 20 – Great White Throne Judgment

From Revelation 20:11-15 we understand several details about this horrifying judgment. The important thing to remember is that Jesus made it clear that His purpose on earth was to show us the way of escaping God's inevitable judgment against the sins of mankind (see John 3:17 and 36).

Revelation 21 – New Heaven and Earth

Chapter 21 reveals that we will know God; we will experience His presence. **It will not be a feeling;** it will be reality because God will be present. There will be **no emotional pain or clutter** to keep us from enjoying the fullness of life and being that our sub-conscience has craved from the beginning. **Incredible!**

Revelation 22 – Eden Restored

Revelation closes where Genesis begins. God's plan for mankind has come full circle. With painstaking patience and single-minded purpose, the Father has undone the consequences of sin while preserving the dignity and freedom of humanity created in His image. It's incredible!

Family Night Big idea – Read Revelation 20:11-15

You will want to help your children understand that God cannot tolerate sin of any kind. Absolute holiness is absolute, without exception. If God were going to tolerate one small sin, why then shouldn't He tolerate all sin. Ask your kids if they would like to eat a pizza made with only one small nasty ingredient. The answer is "No". Help them understand that God hates sin while loving us even when we sin. We need a Savior.

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "What should Mom and Dad do when you disobey?" (Use this question to get to the idea of forgiveness) Ask – "Why did Jesus die for us?" (To forgive our sin and shield us from God's judgment).
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "Why would it be unjust for God NOT to reveal the consequences of our sin? Why do we expect God to overlook our sin when we typically demand justice when we have been wronged?"

Prayer

"Father, thank You that because of Jesus Christ we do not have to be judged for our sin. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meet this Wednesday, July 19th.

Gravity: Middle Schoolers come to the Community Room.

Today's Songs

The Lord's Prayer.....Matt Maher

Build My Life.....Pat Barrett

I Believe.....Phil Wickham

"Follow Us"

We have enjoyed learning the Revelation of God these past 8 weeks. Today's message is about Eternity. "Follow Us" is our new series that starts next Sunday. Come and enjoy!

Look Up Lodge

Kids going into 4th and 5th grades who are already registered and paid in full will leave for camp at Look Up Lodge July 23rd and return July 26th.

Promotion Sunday

August 6th, children starting Pre-School move up to KidsJAM and kids starting 6th grade move up to Velocity.

Women's Retreat

All ladies are invited to attend our Women's Retreat on August 25-27 at Beaver Creek Plantation in Twin City. You can sign up in the lobby. Cost is \$150 for the weekend. Pick up a flyer in the lobby.